



April Snowdrifts From Four To Eight Feet Deep

(Written Specially For The Bulletin.)
I am writing this in surroundings of mid-winter dreariness and bleakness. The calendar may say it is April, but the world outside looks more like early February.

Two days and two nights it has snowed; a steady, fine sifting snow, with most of the time, a stiff gale whipping it into swirls and spirals and small tornadoes, and heaping it in drifts wherever a drift can chance to be most in the way.

This morning I had to dig one big drift away from the back door before I could open it to set out on my morning chores. In the course of my goings hark and forth among the barns to care for the cows, horses and hens, I waded through another which came up to my arm-pits. With a painful of brain mash for hens to one hand and another of dry bran for the cows in the other, the negotiation of this particular drift was something of a stunt for the old man. Of course, I could have carried the potatoes, got my shovel, and channeled a canal through. But the swirling snow would have re-filled it in ten minutes; I was late as it was, and the "critters" were hungry. So I butted my way through with no worse accident than a lot of snow down my neck inside the collar. Which did no particular harm though, at the time, it seemed to me about the coldest snow I'd ever associated intimately with!

But what will make a more lasting impression is the fact that drift, up to a six-footer's shoulders, having come in April. I've seen snows in April before. Many times. We call them "sugar snows" because they are usually effective in starting a fresh flow of sap from tapped maple trees. They are usually light, more squally, lasting but a short time and melting off in the next day's sun. But this storm has been no "sugar snow." It has approached nearer the proportion of a blizzard than any I have experienced since that famous March of 1888.

For three days we have been, but for our telephone wire, isolated as completely as if in the heart of a truckless wilderness. During that time not a vehicle nor a pedestrian has passed the road, though it is one of the most used in town, ordinarily, and is the link between two villages. Not even the mail carrier has dared venture it. In sheltered stretches where the wind was weak and the snow fell naturally, it lies fifteen or eighteen inches deep. At other places the roadway is blocked by drifts from four to eight feet deep. Less than a week ago the road commissioner scraped this same road and filled the ruts and rounded it. Four days it was being used by automobiles as freely as in mid-summer. This morning it lies before my window as an untrodden expanse of drifted sand.

In the old days, when oxen were the farm favorites, could a farmer without oxen chained a plow to one raze of his woodshed, and the oxen would have waded with it through almost any thing in the way of drifts till he met the next neighbor doing the same thing. Now that oxen have disappeared from the farms we are all of us afraid to put calk-shod horses on such drifts. So we have to wait till the road commissioner can get around to us. With over ninety miles to attend to he can't get everywhere in one day. He may not get to our road, or he may not till next day or even the day after.

In the meantime, the sky is heavily overcast and, on the mountain ridges which wall in our particular valley, more snow is slowly beginning to fall. Usually, when the means of getting long before us of the valley get it, too. Perhaps we are going to have that.

To Relieve Catarrh, Catarrhal Deafness And Head Noises

Persons suffering from catarrh of the nose and throat, or who are growing hard of hearing and have head noises will be glad to know that this distressing affliction can usually be successfully treated at home by an internal medicine that in many instances has effected complete relief after other treatments have failed. Sufferers who could scarcely hear have had their hearing restored to such an extent that the tick of a watch was plainly audible seven or eight inches away from their ear. Therefore, if you know of someone who is troubled with head noises or catarrhal deafness, cut out this formula and hand it to them, and you may have been the means of saving some poor sufferer perhaps from total deafness. The prescription can be prepared at home and is made as follows:

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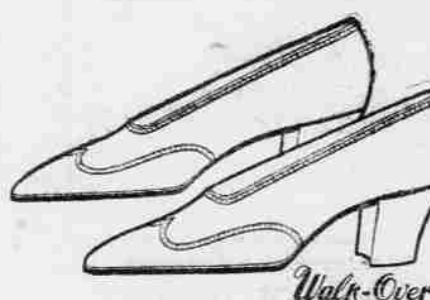
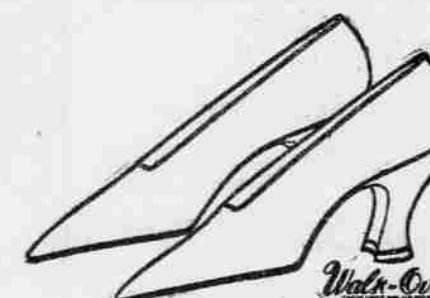
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Niantic Team			
W. Smith	98	94	106-238
Proctor	92	98	83-173
Hastings	102	91	98-293
Barker	80	97	81-258
H. Smith	88	121	100-209
Totals	461	501	468-1430

Groton Iron Works Team
Wilson 91 76 97-264
Gross 79 91 73-243
Bailey 83 80 82-245
White 86 101 88-265
Herbert 84 82 83-249
Totals 433 430 415-1276

The first bowling team of the village defeated the Groton team Tuesday evening at the alleys. The lineup is as follows:

Niantic Team			
De Rucha	71	83	82-235
Gavitt	85	120	81-286
Banta	78	76	76-225
Clark	82	80	83-251
Totals	320	91	85-296

Wiremen's Team.
Marino 76 93 86-263
Enos 79 78 77-225
Chouch 72 86 72-230
Ryan 77 88 83-248
Waston 74 89 84-217
Totals 369 434 374-1177

Contractor Frank Russell has completed his carpenter work to the addition to Mr. Rogers store and has started on Mr. Crutenden's building.

Mr. Mary O'Donnell of Portland is visiting Mr. Weir's sister, Mrs. Ella V. Weir, at Pine Grove.

Mrs. James Metcalf is slowly recovering from her recent illness.

William Peter Hackett died suddenly at his home in Bridgeport Monday morning. He was well known in Pine Grove where he spent many summers and was here last season. He will be missed at the Grove by those who knew him.

SALEM
Dudley and Minot Pratt of Boston were callers in town last week.

J. Milton Clark of Greenwich, is

carefully to every outgo, it seems a little queer that oxen should be so rare. It is spoken of, or apparently, considered. There may, very likely, be farms where they wouldn't "do" at all. There are others where they not only would "do," but would be better and cheaper than horses. It is years one of the latter sort. I'm sure I don't know. You do, or ought to. The only question should be, if they do the farm work as well and more cheaply than horses, why spend needless money for mere appearance?

P. S. That snow which I mentioned as beginning to fall on the mountains, an hour ago, has got here, now it is coming down gently in fine sprays, thickening every minute, but without increase in the size of the flakes. All the signs promise a second real snowstorm. Luckily, there is no wind, yet. Should that rise and add to the existing drifts, you may think of us as true "shut-ins" for the next week or so!

THE FARMER.
Westport.—The home of Robert W. Post, director of the state prison and a paper manufacturer, was burglarized Monday night, of silverware and some clothing being taken. Mr. Post is in the Bridgeport hospital suffering from the effects of an operation.

Snapshot Of Our Railroad Director Walker D. Hines



"Eat 'em up and call for more," my pa says.

POST TOASTIES

A food all boys like Bobby

spending several days with his brother, N. L. Clark. George DeWolf of Spencer, Mass., has been spending a few days with his daughter, Mrs. Harry Moore. Carl Rogers and Miss Violet Rogers were recent callers in Norwich. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Fraser and G. J. Murray were callers in North Lyme Tuesday.

Mrs. George Goldie has been a patient in Backus hospital for several days. William Purcell was a Norwich caller Monday.

Supervisor Gave of Niantic conducted a teachers' meeting in the Central school house Wednesday evening. A school board met in the central school house Wednesday evening.

Walter DeWolf was a New London visitor Tuesday.

Miss Helen Rogers was confined to the house by illness the first of the week.

George Goldie was a recent caller in Norwich.

MERROW
Everett Sholes has moved his family from Norwich to Terrace farm, where he will be manager for Miss H. L. Merrow, on her farm for the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Wilcox and Miss Sarah and Ira Wilcox attended Toland grand opening Tuesday evening. Wilson and Ho-nan Usher are recovering from illness.

Misses Evelyn and Addie Tilden left their old home, which has been purchased by Mr. Zoric Wednesday for Waterbury where they will visit their brother and his wife for a time. They have stored their goods in one room of the old home and will move them where they decide to locate.

A company of friends gathered at the home of Mrs. A. Robinson Tuesday afternoon and gave her a birthday surprise. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson have leased their farm to A. T. Burdick who has been manager on the A. N. Belding farm in Ellington for the past three years. Mr. Burdick has taken

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